

Her firsthand experience with gender discrimination—being denied admission to medical school as a promising young science student—did not discourage her or break her spirit, but sparked her desire for change.

Most importantly, when she overcame gender and racial barriers to climb the ladder of success, she did not kick that ladder aside for other women; instead, she led the way and supported their upward rise, most importantly, paving the way with legislation such as Title IX. She never gave up the struggle to give every child access to a quality education.

Her memory continues to be an inspiration for me on the Education and Labor committee and in the legislation that I introduce and co-sponsor. This Congress, I will again introduce legislation to start a Patsy Mink fellowship program to help more women and minorities earn graduate degrees and become college professors.

A lot more work remains to be done to give women more educational opportunities: women are still underrepresented in math, science, and engineering-related fields.

Thanks in large part to Patsy's work, a majority of people agree that women should be allowed to apply to college and graduate programs without facing discriminatory admissions policies, sexual harassment in schools when they do get in, or even a lack of athletic opportunities. We are well served by Patsy's legacy, a true guiding star.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEBURNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2007*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to the citizens of

Cleburne County, Alabama, who will soon celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Cleburne County Courthouse.

The cornerstone of this historic structure was laid on July 4, 1907, following a referendum to decide the final location of the courthouse. The location chosen was Heflin, Alabama. Over the past century, the Cleburne County Courthouse has housed numerous departments serving the people of Cleburne County, including the office of the judge of probate, veterans affairs office, the superintendent of education, and the county commission.

On June 30, 2007, the citizens of Cleburne County will gather to commemorate this important milestone. At that time local leaders are expected to open the cornerstone, and local citizens will hear presentations by community leaders and enjoy a community-wide gathering.

I would like to congratulate the people of Cleburne County for reaching this important milestone in their county's history, and join the community in wishing another prosperous 100 years for this important landmark.

RECOGNIZING THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION AND THE LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION OF CHICAGO

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2007*

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the MacArthur Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) of Chicago for their efforts to support communities throughout the city of Chicago. Recently, the MacArthur Foundation announced it will invest \$26 million to support the New Communities Program. The New Communities Program is a project of Local Ini-

tiatives Support Corporation of Chicago that seeks to help lower income neighborhoods grapple with safety, employment, health care, affordable housing and development.

Chicago is a city of neighborhoods, which is why the MacArthur Foundation's most recent donation is so exciting. The Foundation's \$26 million contribution will invest in 16 different Chicago neighborhoods—Auburn Gresham, Chicago Lawn, Douglas, North Kenwood-Oakland, Grand Boulevard, East Garfield Park, Englewood, Humboldt Park, Little Village, Logan Square, North Lawndale, Pilsen, South Chicago, Washington Park, West Haven and Woodlawn.

Since 2002 the MacArthur Foundation has donated over \$21 million annually to the New Communities Program, providing seed money that has blossomed into over \$255 million in private investment. The new investment in our communities is expected to multiply into another \$500 million in private funds over the next 5 years, which will provide thousands of new jobs and opportunities to residents of some of Chicago's overlooked neighborhoods.

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation was created in 1979. Since then, LISC has provided 215,000 units of affordable housing, created funding for schools and day care for over 40,000 children annually, and added parks and playing fields to accommodate 150,000 people. In Chicago alone, LISC has dedicated more than \$100 million into housing and economic development since 1980, and they remain committed to their vision of building whole communities.

Madam Speaker, the New Communities Program has served as a model to other community development organizations across the country and around the globe, and thanks in part to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation of Chicago and the MacArthur Foundation, our neighborhoods will continue to be some of the best in the world.